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State survey to determine whether the hospital meets the requirements for participation in Medicare as a hospital, as specified in part 482 of this chapter, or is accredited by a national accrediting organization whose hospital accrediting program has been approved by CMS.

- (2) A psychiatric facility which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or by any other accrediting organization, with comparable standards, that is recognized by the State.
- (c) Meet the requirements in §441.151 of this subchapter.

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§ 440.165 Nurse-midwife service.

- (a) "Nurse-midwife services" means services that—
- (1) Are furnished by a nurse-midwife within the scope of practice authorized by State law or regulation and, in the case of inpatient or outpatient hospital services or clinic services, are furnished by or under the direction of a nurse-midwife to the extent permitted by the facility; and
- (2) Unless required by State law or regulations or a facility, are reimbursed without regard to whether the nurse-midwife is under the supervision of, or associated with, a physician or other health care provider. (See § 441.21 of this chapter for provisions on independent provider agreements for nurse-midwives.)
- (b) "Nurse-midwife" means a registered professional nurse who meets the following requirements:
- (1) Is currently licensed to practice in the State as a registered professional nurse.
- (2) Is legally authorized under State law or regulations to practice as a nurse-midwife.
- (3) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(4) of this section, has completed a program of study and clinical experience for nurse-midwives, as specified by the State.
- (4) If the State does not specify a program of study and clinical experience

that nurse-midwives must complete to practice in that State, meets one of the following conditions:

- (i) Is currently certified as a nurse-midwife by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM or by the ACNM Certification Council, Inc. (ACC).
- (ii) Has satisfactorily completed a formal education program (of at least one academic year) that, upon completion qualifies the nurse to take the certification examination offered by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) or by the ACNM Certification Council, Inc. (ACC).
- (iii) Has successfully completed a formal educational program for preparing registered nurses to furnish gynecological and obstetrical care to women during pregnancy, delivery, and the postpartum period, and care to normal newborns, and was practicing as a nurse-midwife for a total of 12 months during any 18-month period from August 8, 1976 to July 16, 1982.

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§ 440.166 Nurse practitioner services.

- (a) Definition of nurse practitioner services. Nurse practitioner services means services that are furnished by a registered professional nurse who meets a State's advanced educational and clinical practice requirements, if any, beyond the 2 to 4 years of basic nursing education required of all registered nurses.
- (b) Requirements for certified pediatric nurse practitioner. The practitioner must be a registered professional nurse who meets the requirements specified in either paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section.
- (1) If the State specifies qualifications for pediatric nurse practitioners, the practitioner must—
- (i) Be currently licensed to practice in the State as a registered professional nurse; and
- (ii) Meet the State requirements for qualification of pediatric nurse practitioners in the State in which he or she furnishes the services.
- (2) If the State does not specify, by specialty, qualifications for pediatric nurse practitioners, but the State does